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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Sharat SINGH et al. |) Group Art Unit: 1641 |
| Application No.: 10/730,139 |)) |
| Filed: December 9, 2003 |) Examiner: Mary Ceperley) |
| For: METAL CHELATE CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN CHEMILUMINESCENT ASSAYS |) Confirmation No.: 4747) |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria. VA 22313-1450 | |

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include a Terminal Disclaimer, and additional copies of references C14 and C15, along with a copy of the originally filed IDS and PTO-1449.